



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Chanukah celebrates the victory in the year 165 BCE of a small yet determined army of Maccabees against their oppressors; and

WHEREAS, Chanukah commemorates the consecration of the Temple after its occupation; and

WHEREAS, Chanukah is a time for happy family gatherings around the Menorah, children's songs, sizzling potato latkes and games of dreidel; and

WHEREAS, The message of Chanukah resonates quite powerfully with the fundamental principles of American life, as this nation was founded on the principles of hope and religious freedom; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 25th anniversary of the National Menorah which was first lit in 1979 with President Jimmy Carter and given its name by President Ronald Reagan in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, is among the most widely celebrated of the Jewish holidays;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim, December 7, 2004, to be

NATIONAL MENORAH DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of December in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Yursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE